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In re application of

Alexander BLEIBLER

Appln. No.: 09/890,516

Examiner: Boyd, Jennifer A.

Filed: July 31, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1771

For: **METHOD FOR PRODUCING A FLAT STRIP**

Attorney Docket No.: 3827.082

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT/ ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This election is responsive to the Office Action dated June 27, 2003, making a response due on or before July 27, 2003, wherein the Examiner requires Applicant to elect for prosecution from either:

Group I - Claims 38-43 (drawn to a flat strip lamella); or

Group II - Claims 22-37 and 44 (drawn to a method for producing a flat strip lamella).

The position of the Examiner can be found on page 2 of the Office Action.

In response, Applicants **repeat their election of Group II**, with traverse.

The reason for traversal can be found in the response to the

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Restriction Requirement filed May 6, 2003.

Election of Species

According to the Examiner, the application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. The species are as follows:

Species I (Claims 22-32 and 44) directed a process for production of a flat strip in a continuous process by **melting a thermoplastic film to impregnate a fiber web**; and

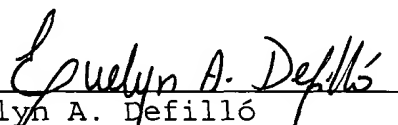
Species II (Claims 33-37) directed to process for production of a flat strip in a continuous process by **impregnating a fiber web by passing through a suspension of finely divided thermoplastic particles**.

In response, Applicants elect specie I (Claims 22 to 32 and 44).

Applicant appreciates that the Examiner will examine the elected species, and if allowable, will examine the remaining specie if covered in a generic claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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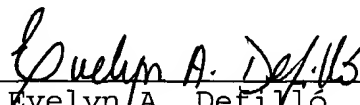
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CERTIFICATION OF MAILING AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT/ELECTION OF SPECIES for U.S. Application No. 09/890,516 filed July 31, 2001, was deposited in first class U.S. mail, postage prepaid, addressed: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on **July 24, 2003**.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0877.


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